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been amended to correct its dependency. Claims 1-15 have been canceled. Applicants do not add any new claims. Accordingly, claims 16-30 are pending.

Attached hereto is a marked up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attachment is captioned "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made." Amendments made are not believed to relate to any issue of patentability. Rather, the amendments are made as to the form of the claims. These amendments are not believed to narrow the scope of the claims in any manner.

The Examiner has made a further restriction regarding Group II requiring the election of a species corresponding to either Species A in Figure 4, Species B in Figure 7, or Species C in Figure 10. Applicants elect Species A of Figure 4. In electing Species A, Applicants believe that claims 16-30 read upon Species A illustrated in Figure 4.

Applicants traverse the Examiner's assertion that claim 16 appears to be generic. Applicants believe that claims 21 and 23-30 are generic to each of the species identified by the Examiner because the elements of these claims read upon each of the species identified by the Examiner. Applicants believe claims 16-20 and 22 are not generic to Species B and C. Accordingly, claims 16-30 remain subject to examination.

If Examiner believes that a telephone conference would be useful in moving the application forward to allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

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